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In response to the Official Action dated March 24, 1994, (Paper No. 17), favorable reconsideration and allowance of this Application are respectfully requested for the reasons in the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the March 24, 1994 Official Action, claims 12-28, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly unpatentable over the combined disclosures of Ekins '031, in view of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 5,076,807 (Leaback). The Examiner's contentions regarding the obviousness of Applicant's invention are set forth with reference to the various pending claims at pages 4-6 of the March 24, 1994 Official Action.

It is noted that none of the grounds of rejection set forth in the First Official Action have been repeated in the March 24, 1994 Official Action. It is assumed, therefore, that the grounds of rejection set forth in the First Official Action are not considered sustainable and, accordingly, have been withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's invention, as set forth in claims 12-28, is readily distinguishable from the combined disclosures of Ekins '031 and Leaback and that the §103 rejection based on those references is without merit and should be withdrawn.